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From: wskratt@gmail.com on behalf of Wendy Skratt <w@skratt.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 10:37 AM
To: ptestimony
Subject: Please Support HB 5408, Presentation of Carry Permits

To members of the Public Safety and Security Committee of the CT Legislature:

I want to voice my support for HB 5408, which requires persons who carry handguns in public to have their permits on their person at all times and to show those permits when requested by police.

Given the gun violence that we live with daily across our country, it should be a reasonable safety procedure for a police officer to be able to check for required permitting when open carry causes concern in our communities. We should not put the burden of gun safety on our small businesses, one by one, to fix this problem. We should create a societal agreement that gun owners who open carry should expect to validate their responsibility by being accountable to officers of the law.

The approval of this bill is critical in honoring the public's right to shop, live, and go about their business in a climate of relative safety and security.

Also, I oppose HB 5409 that would take away the right of police chiefs to ask for additional documents, in addition to the basic application, to determine the suitability of a person seeking a permit to carry handguns in public.

I also support SB 20 which redefines the definition of carrying a firearm when intoxicated by reducing the prohibited ratio of alcohol in the blood to eight-hundredths of 1% or more of alcohol. This would be consistent with the driving while intoxicated standard.

Thank you for your consideration,

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